

## *Minutes from the Third-precinct Advisory Council (3-PAC) Meeting—June 28, 2010*

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by chairperson Gwen McMahon. Twenty-seven people were present.

**Introductions**—Those present introduced themselves, mentioning their neighborhood or affiliation with the 3rd Precinct (3rd P.).

**Treasurer's Report**—In the absence of treasurer, Janell Holmberg, Gwen McMahon reported the balances in the accounts: \$1,035.74 in the savings account and \$450 in the checking account.

**Announcement**—3-PAC Chair Gwen McMahon announced that the annual Officers' Appreciation Barbeque will take place on Thursday, August 19. Set-up begins at 9:30 A.M. Lunch is served from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., and supper is served from 6 to 9 P.M. Gwen will ask 3rd Precinct businesses for contributions. This barbeque, and the Officers' Appreciation Holiday Meal—both of which are very much appreciated by the officers—are the only enterprise made by the community toward the 3rd Precinct.

**Election of Officers**—Three officers—chair Gwen McMahon, vice chair Kathie Carlson, and treasurer Janell Holmberg, are all willing to serve for another year and were re-elected. Joining them as the new secretary is Corcoran resident, Michelle Johnson. Gwen proposed meeting every other month starting in January 2011. Outgoing secretary, Sue Filbin, expressed appreciation to the officers and crime prevention specialists for their commitment to the safety of 3rd Precinct residents and businesses, to Gwen and the other board members for ably serving in their positions, and to the citizens who attend 3-PAC meetings.

**Community Response Team Report**—Lt. Wes Ostlund reported that big improvements have been made in the past four weeks. Part 1 crimes (the most serious offences) decreased by 2.76%. The violent crime rate in the 3rd P. decreased by 36% compared to figures for 2009 (the citywide decrease was 21%). The 3rd P. is leading all precincts in the number of traffic and suspicious person stops, indicating that officers are taking initiative. • The number of cases for the month of May was 68—the highest this year. Seven search warrants were issued, there were 32 controlled buys, and narcotics seized were: 121 grams of crack, 2,090 grams of marijuana, .4 grams of meth, and 160 pills. Two vehicles were seized and \$6,050 of cash was confiscated. There were 19 felony arrests, 52 misdemeanor arrests, 9 gross misdemeanor, and 18 prostitution arrests. • When a citizen raised a question about break ins near the intersection of 38th St. and 42nd Ave., Lt. Ostlund responded that no fingerprints were found and that some entries were forced while others were unforced.

## *Officers of the Month*

### **April 2010—Day Watch Officers Bryce Robinson and Sean McTaggart**

“Both are new officers and have been on a tear since coming onto day watch. They always gather the probable-cause pickup info and work tirelessly until they catch the wanted person. On 3/12, Officer Robinson responded to a Burglary of Dwelling in progress on the 3900 block of 11th Ave S. He chased a male suspect from the address and tased him. The suspect got away after a loud yelp. Sgts. Sandberg and Smith responded to the scene. A possible suspect was identified with the assistance of a female arrested at the burglary. Officer Robinson positively identified the suspect from a photo lineup. Officer Robinson has a taser that has video footage. Officer Grobove and Robinson reviewed the video. The suspect looked at Officer Robinson and his face can be clearly seen. Robinson positively identified the party. Later, Robinson and McTaggart located the suspect in the 3800 block of Park Ave. Robinson asked the suspect if he remembered him. From Robinson's report, “the suspect's eyes got wide, and he began to sweat from his temple.” Officers Robinson and McTaggart also captured eight other probable-cause suspects. They both are also leaders on day watch in both arrests and traffic stops. So far this year they have over 30 felony arrests, 50 misdemeanor arrests, and 50 traffic stops each.” —SGT. Gross

### **May 2010—“Officers Jason Okerberg and Rebecca Novak** have been working together for the past month.

Although they are not regular partners, they have worked very well together. With the majority of the beat on a special detail, these two officers have dramatically increased their pro activity to compensate for the other personnel loss. Since May 4th, these two officers have nearly 100 arrests for their efforts on the street. They have focused their efforts on the Chicago/Franklin area, as well as the Lake/Chicago area. They have also answered numerous pending calls throughout the precinct. It should be noted that their primary responsibility during the day *Continued on next page*

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is being the marked squad for our detail, but they still manage to pound out an incredible amount of stops/arrests for the precinct daily. These officers have done an outstanding job, and should be recognized for their hard work and dedication.”

**State of the Precinct**—In the absence of **Inspector Lucy Gerold**, **Lt. Wes Ostlund** reported that in early June, a collaborative effort was made in sector 1 that involved the Community Response Team (CRT), the gang unit, US marshalls, and probation officers in making narcotics and traffic arrests.

**City attorney, Paula Kruchowski**, reported that lower-level cases are being taken more seriously with some perpetrators going to court or paying fines. Due to more “No Trespassing” signs posted, people who are on posted property, or who are loitering, are being arrested. The penalty is cumulative; significant jail time results after a third arrest. There has been a 50% decrease in crime at Little Earth of United Tribes Housing, 24th and 18th Ave., due to prosecuting trespassers.

**Hennepin County attorney, Tom Arneson**, reported that judges and courts are being reorganized by the type of crime being prosecuted such as property, drugs, etc. An advantage to this approach is that a property crime is not compared to a homicide case. Tom also reminded everyone to lock doors and windows of homes, garages, and vehicles. Recently, wallets and purses have been stolen from vehicles parked on the street and in garages.

**CCP/SAFE Report**—**CPS Shun Tillman, sector 4**, reported break-ins are a major issue right now. He encouraged everyone to put keys and belongings out of sight and to lock and secure windows, including those in which air-conditioning unit is installed.

**Sue Roethele, Sector 3.** Sue, Inspector Gerold, and CPS Don Greeley made a presentation on safety and crime prevention to 60 people at a community meeting in the southeast section of Sector 3. • The Salvation Army, in collaboration with Veterans’ Hospital, remodeled two apartment buildings in the Bossen Terrace neighborhood for occupancy by veterans. Donnelly Stucco donated the stucco for both buildings.

**Karen Notsch, Sector 2.** Karen and Lt. Lee Edwards are developing new ideas for problem solving. They are conducting safety meetings in each neighborhood in sector 2. “Citizens are very motivated.” • Seven out of seven burglaries last month were unforced. • To address youth violence and youth loitering in Powderhorn neighborhood, especially near 38th and Chicago, a meeting will occur on July 21 at the Pillsbury House Theater on 35th and Chicago. Representatives from the police department, Hennepin County, and the juvenile justice system will be among those present.

**Comments** Chair Gwen McMahon remarked that the more informed the community is, citizens will be better able to interact with police officers. Gwen suggested Karen Notsch report at the September meeting about results from the July 21 community meeting. At the suggestion of a resident, someone from the animal control department may make a presentation at the September 27 3-PAC meeting.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M. —Recorded by Sue Filbin, 3-PAC secretary.

Minutes from previous 3-PAC meetings are posted at this web site:  
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/outreach/pac-schedule.asp>

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#### **Thanks!**

Thanks to everyone who made the **Police Appreciation Barbeque** a huge success!! The barbeque was very well attended and the officers really appreciated it. After expenses, the money will go toward the Officer of the Month awards.

The following people and businesses helped with money, food, and volunteer time. Thanks again for all of your efforts!! —*Gwen McMahon*

21st Ave. Business Association	Amy Behrens
Best Maid Cookie Company	Kathie Carlson
Boker's	Delila Cotton
Carbone's	Sue & Dan Filbin
Cedar Quick Stop	Susan & Graham Ford
The Chatterbox	Pat Gregersen
East Lake Liquor	Jerry Harris
Everett's Meats	Rick Heimark
Holiday Stationstore—46th & Hiawatha	Janell Holmberg
Ingebretsen's Meat Market	Michelle Johnson
Matt's Bar & Grill	Marilyn Jones
Minnehaha Liquors	Jo Kuntz
Perkin's Restaurant & Bakery	Val Lies
The Rail Station Bar & Grill	Irene & Ron MackMurphy
Spohn's Action Auto	Gwen McMahon
Super USA	Elaine Parsons
Ventura Flats	Cathy Pernu
Volunteers of America (VOA)	Cecil Smith
Zipp's Liquors	Marion Streitz
	Marcy Tollefson